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## PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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To the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks:

Transmitted herewith for filing under U.S.C. 111 and 37 C.F.R. 1.53 is the patent application of

Inventor(s): Donald A. Huenefeld

entitled: "Lubricating Hitch Receiver Cover"

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 10 pages of written description, claims and abstract.
- ☒ 1 sheets of drawings.
- ☐ an assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ declaration of the inventors.
- ☐ a certified copy of a \_\_\_\_\_ application.
- ☐ associate power of attorney.
- ☐ a verified statement by inventors to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27.
- ☐ information disclosure statement.
- ☐ preliminary amendment.
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	Title	LUBRICATING HITCH RECEIVER COVER
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